

AAH MARCH 2006 Report - USA Comments

CHAPTER 4.1.10.

NECROTISING HEPATOPANCREATITIS

Article 4.1.10.1.

For the purposes of the *Aquatic Code*, necrotising hepatopancreatitis (NHP) means infection with necrotising hepatopancreatitis bacteria (NHP-B). This **obligate intracellular** bacterium is a member of the order **γ-Proteobacteria**.

Rationale: this is a better characterization of the pathogen.

Article 4.1.10.3.

Commodities

1. ...
 - a) ...
 - b) The following products destined for human consumption from species in Article 4.1.10.2 which have been prepared in such a way as to minimise the risk of diversion for alternative uses:
 - i) ...
 - ii) ...
 - iii) **de**-headed and de-veined shrimp tails.

Rationale: “headed” is a slang term that might be confused with having the head on.

Note : this same comment is made for all crustacean chapters whenever the term « headed » is used

Article 4.1.10.4.

Necrotising hepatopancreatitis free country

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1. A country where none of the *susceptible species* ~~is~~ **are** present may make a *self-declaration of freedom* from NHP when *basic biosecurity conditions* have been met continuously in the country for at least the past 2 years.